



Dr. Joe Mack King

July 25, 1944 - August 2, 2020

Dr. Joe Mack King age 76, of Mandeville passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at Lakeview Regional Hospital. He was born on July 25, 1944, in Conroe, Texas to Walter Emmett King and Willie Mae Bush King.

Joe is survived by his loving daughter Rachel Rebecca King-Dunn, son-in-law Danny Mac Dunn Jr.; and grandson Jacob Easton Dunn.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Kathryn Pauline Palmer King (June 1, 2020), parents Walter and Willie Mae King.

Joe was a native of Conroe, Texas and a resident of Mandeville for many years. He truly enjoyed his career as a Professor at University of New Orleans, and Auburn University Montgomery. His true passion was teaching. Joe continued to work up until his passing.

A Memorial Service for Joe will be held at a later date in Montgomery, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the King family kindly ask for donations to the scholarship fund for Jacob Dunn. Donations can be mailed to: 7126 Creekwood Drive, Mandeville, Louisiana 70471.

The King family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.

Comments



“ Rachel, I am so very sad to hear that both your mother and father passed within 2 months of each other. I worked as his assistant when he was Dean of Sciences at UNO and then as his assistant when he was Provost at UNO. He was so much fun to work with and one of my all time favorite bosses. I am so very sorry for your loss. He was very proud of you and Jacob.

Linda Jouet - September 14, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Joe along with his loving wife and my sister Kathryn were a true blessing to me.

When I moved to Houston I was living in an apartment less than a mile away from Joe and Kathryn. Being young and poor I would go their home and mooch a free meal and enjoy their company.

Joe was a great brother-in-law and always had a hilarious joke or story to tell. I miss those times and them.

John Palmer

john palmer - August 16, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Rachel, I can't tell you how sad I was today to hear about your father passing away.

Joe was a great guy who always could brighten your day with his sense of humor. I had the pleasure of working for him for over 10 years during his service on the Board of UNO Federal Credit Union, most of them in his role as our President. Joe will be missed by all of us who worked with him at UNOFCU as will his lovely wife Kathryn who unfortunately passed away just 2 months ago.

May they both rest in peace together.

Chris Maurer - August 06, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Joe King was Dean of the College of Sciences at the University of New Orleans for many years and he was a great and caring leader. My lab benefited from his support, his respect for research scientists, and his guidance. Joe was smart and funny, but he could be hard-as-nails when he had to be. While I have a lot of stories about Joe’s humor and thoughtfulness, my favorite occurred one night after a long and boring university convocation. Joe and the other deans were asked by the upper administration to wear ties with the UNO logo on them to show school spirit. As I was leaving the science building to go home, I ran into Joe and some of the other deans who appeared to be holding their own celebration after escaping the convocation. Joe invited me to join them and I mentioned to him that I liked his tie. Without hesitating, he took the tie off, gave it to me and said, “Here, it’s yours!” Joe’s tie is still in my closet and when I am forced to attend onerous university events I wear it in memory of Joe and as a subtle form of protest against all things boring. Thanks Joe, we will miss you.

Martin O'Connell - August 06, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Joe. Pete Etheridge, Mary Dusebout and I played in a little creek close to Joe and Mary's houses. It was a run off from the local ice house. To say the least, we loved the cool water on a hot summer days. We dreamed we were on mighty ships at sea - Joe had a vivid imagination and we all loved the adventures. His Dad showed us how to dress a deer for butchering (Mr. King owned his own meat market) - we thought it was a great adventure - Texans love to hunt. We went to several live stock shows in Houston (skipping school of course) - probably more enjoyable because we were breaking the rules. I can still see the twinkle in his eyes, so I know he enjoyed his life to the fullest with Kathryn and you, Rachel, always with an adventure in mind.
Cynthia

Cynthia Tucker - August 05, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Dr.King was my favorite micro teacher! He was so passionate about microbiology and sharp as a whip. He would always tell stories in class and always wanted a tail He helped me when I would struggle learning something and we would spend hours talking about his military career and his grandson! Such a kind hearted man! You will be missed



kaitlyn - August 04, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Dr. King was my professor for microbiology this past fall - he was hilarious and was such a great instructor. He truly cared about his students and wanted everyone to be successful in the course. He will be missed greatly

Skylar Coppinger - August 04, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ I had the best conversations with Joe King. I once went in his office with a question and left an hour and a half later after he had told me many stories about his life and how he got where he was. He was always encouraging, honest and found humor in every situation. There was nothing I didn't enjoy about him. He will always be one of my favorite professors and I will sincerely miss him.

Ayla Woodard - August 04, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Joe was a gentleman and a scholar. He was invariably kind in dealing with colleagues, and supported initiatives inside and outside of Academic Affairs at AUM. He wii be missed.
-J. Veres

John G. Veres III - August 04, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ I had him as a professor this pass spring I and enjoyed him immensely. He has quite a sense of humor and expressed his love for potatoes quite often! I'm blessed to have had him as a teacher and made my tradition to AUM easier. He will be greatly missed and an honored to have been his student...



Tanikia Perkins - August 04, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Dr. King had a way of fascinating the students with the topic of biology, challenging students properly, and being his own class clown. He was easily my favorite professor, and I wouldn't have the same passion for biology without him.

J. Ryan Harris - August 04, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Sending my securest condolences! I have worked with Joe at AUM in the Biology department since he came as Provost. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. I will miss the wonderful talks we had most every week as he passed me in the halls. I will miss those talks and just the light he brought into my life and the life of his students and those around him. He was the kind of person you were grateful to have in your life.



Cynthia Schmaeman - August 04, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Dr. King was honest, forthright, genuine. Brilliant, funny, he was also dedicated to doing what was right no matter how hard that might be. In short, he was a good man, and good men are indeed hard to find.

Susan Borganier - August 04, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Dr. King was an amazing advisor, he will truly be missed.

Janiyah Cotton - August 04, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ I had the honor of working closely with Dr. King to teach microbiology labs at AUM. He always showed up early to my labs to chat about wide-ranging topics such as our courses and fields of study to things going on in our everyday lives. Watching him interact with his students and talking with my own students made it clear that he was a beloved educator and an all-around good guy. He was quick to tell jokes and always approached the day and tasks at hand with humor and happiness. I know that I will miss our conversations and that our students will miss his presence greatly.

Clark Danderson - August 04, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ I remember Dr. King so well. As one of his former students, his class was one of the most enjoyable. He was so gracious. AUM has lost one of the best!

Kimmie Reynolds - August 04, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Thanks for all the contributions and services you did for AUM. Rest in Peace, Dr. King and will pray for his families!

Hoehun Ha - August 04, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ As a brand new faculty member in Fine Arts, Dr. King came over and sat down next to me at a new faculty orientation lunch. He immediately started asking me about the Knights Templar! I had never met Dr. King in person at this point, but he recognized my name and he remembered an obscure aspect of my research from my job application. He was a class act and will be deeply missed on AUM's campus.

Laura Whatley - August 04, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Rachel, so many of us at Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama, have fond memories but I will write to you to share some of those times. I so enjoyed working for Dr. King as an Assistant Provost.

Cara M Braswell - August 04, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ He will be truly missed Rachel. Your father was a man of many accomplishments and the one he enjoyed the most was being paw paw to Jacob. Rest In Peace Joe.



Julie Brannon - August 04, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Like so many others, I was blessed to have Joe King in my life. I have enjoyed many conversations and laughter over a bowl of chili. While we have not spoken in a while, what he gave to AUM, his students, faculty and staff is an immeasurable gift. I will never forget him. Jeanine

Jeanine Boddie-La Van - August 11, 2020 at 04:14 PM